Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards

a 100 year history 1912-2012

1912: An Act to Establish **a State Board of Labor and Industries** (chapter 726 of the Acts of 1912)

1934: An Act Establishing a **Division of Occupational Hygiene** in the Department of Labor and Industries (Chapter 331 of the Acts of 1934)

1996: Abolishment of the Executive office of Labor under chapter 151 of the Acts of 1996. The **Division of Occupational Safety** was established under the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and assumed the functions of the former Department of Labor and Industries

2007: Governor Deval L. Patrick reestablished the **Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development** as a cabinet-level position. The Division of Occupational Safety continued under EOLWD.

1912	1922	1932	1942	1952-1982	1992	2002	2012

1919: State Board of Labor and Industries changed to the **Department of Labor and Industries** (chapter 350 of the Acts of 1919)

1941: The **Division of Apprentice Training** was created by chapter 707 of the Acts of 1941

1993: Many of the functions performed by the Department were transferred to the Attorney General's Office by chapter 110 of the Acts of 1993

2011: Governor Patrick filed pursuant to Article 87 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, a reorganization of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development. All of the programs and responsibilities under the Division of Occupational Safety (DOS) and the Division of Apprentice Training (DAT) were combined and consolidated under a new department organized and named the **Department of Labor Standards (DLS)**. The reorganization was enacted into law on March 26, 2011, under Chapter 3 of the Acts of 2011.